

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph as indicated.

[0089] In one aspect of the present invention, each hard disk drive 20 may emulate a tape cartridge having a predetermined storage capacity, where each hard disk drive 20 defines an electrical data storage capacity at least equal to the predetermined storage capacity of the tape cartridge being emulated. In this aspect of the invention a disk drive will record "tape marks" or "file marks" which would normally be recorded onto tape by a tape drive. "File marks" represent overhead information (metadata) sent by the host to be written on tape to mark a boundary or partition, typically between files or volumes of user data information. In the present invention, file marks and other metadata intended to be recorded on a tape are actually written to a particular hard disk drive 20. One presently preferred arrangement is shown in FIG. 14. Therein, a logical block address space 400 of a hard disk drive 20 is mapped to file space of a virtual tape media, including a beginning-of-media (BOM) mark 402, and an end-of-media (EOM) mark 404. The BOM mark 402 corresponds to a logical block address zero (lbaO), while the EOM mark 404 corresponds to a maximum logical block address (maxlba). Between the BOM mark 402 and EOM mark 404 are a series of file marks, four such file marks 406, 408, 410 and 412 being illustrated in the FIG. 14 example. Each file mark 406, 408, 410 and 412 has a separate logical block address.